

leave Saturday for Louisiana where Mr. Fourmy has been called on account of serious illness in the family.

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What a comic and impotent creature is man. He devises weapons and gases with which he almost destroys his own kind, but his kitchen is full of filthy cockroaches which he loathes, but against which he is powerless. Rats and mice dwell with him and consume his food and property under his very nose. Fleas, flies and mosquitos devour him and his cherished pets, and infect him with deadly diseases, and he can only feebly fight them off. And bring down his dwelling about his ears. But he cannot conquer these tiny foes. He can only destroy his fellow men and their wealth.

Apathetic Times.

AP 52 MELON

It's a wise horticulturist who on a moment's notice, can tell you the status quo of the prolific melon family. This almost constantly enlarging clan counts among its most recent members a luscious variety called Cranshaw. The fruit made its initial appearance in Manhattan a year ago and its fine, fresh flavor is said to have been a delightful surprise to those who were fortunate enough to taste it.

The first shipment of this year's Cranshaw melons arrived in town a few days ago, and the season is expected to last only a brief two months. The Cranshaw is carefully cultivated in California by crossing a Casaba with a Persian melon. The outer rind of this new hybrid is a pale green with streaks of yellow-beige and the inside flesh, a pastel pink compromise between the offwhite of a Casaba and the red of a Persian. The seeds are small and few, so that what you buy, that you eat—or almost. The melon properly should be served for dessert rather than for breakfast and one generously adequate for four people may be had.

Larger sizes cost up to \$2—New York Times.

AIR-MINDED FLORIDA

In the number of private airplane pilots and privately-owned craft Florida leads the South Atlantic states. Furthermore, in this country, Florida ranks 15th in the number of states in the union. This gratifying revelation comes from no less an authority than Florida State Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee Chairman M. M. (Jack) Frost. Mr. Frost discloses further that there are 1,859 certified pilots in Florida at the present time, which is an 87 percent increase over the 989 registered July 1, 1940. On the same date last year there were 233 privately-owned planes in Florida, compared with 499 now—an increase of 49 percent. Interestingly, too, are comparisons with 1938 when there were only 538 private fliers and 249 privately-owned planes in the state. To the Civil Aeronautics Administration which conducts several aviation training schools throughout Florida, goes much of the credit for this gratifying showing. Compared with National figures, which show that there are in the United States today 82,277 civil fliers and 20,025 privately-owned planes, compared with 41,006 pilots and 13,878 craft a year ago, it is evident that the matter of civilian aviation Florida is more than holding its own.

THE PEOPLE'S WAY

As time goes by on his rapid wings, we become more convinced that this state never showed better judgment than when its people selected Mr. L. Holland for its governor. The people also showed fine selective skill in choosing the representatives and senators who worked with the governor so harmoniously and so diligently in bringing out needed improvements in its legislative set-up in the last session.

Holland told the people in his campaign platform: "I believe in and will do my utmost as governor to obtain for the people of Florida equalization and reduction in taxes through uniform assessments and collections and economy in administration; modernization of tax structure affairs through study; no tampering, no new taxes; no sales tax, closely-budgeted state expenditures."

This pledge has been faithfully carried out and is being put into concrete action. One effect of the new law will be to make home owners pay the same rate of tax all over the state. In some parts of the state homes over 5,000, the limit of the pernicious exemption law, are assessed by the officers with easy virtue so low they pay practically nothing, while in others where assessments are nearer just others pay nearly full value. Property will be assessed in full uniformity. ALL OVER the state, a thing Florida has never known. County officers will be more accountable to the state, which is where most of the howl is coming from, if we work hard at it. This is the way we get the chance of "dictatorship," although how the state can get an equitable and state-wide law in operation without state officials enforcing it, is something we can not work out in our minds.

The most beautiful thing, and the one that appeals to the sub-editor of this newspaper, who assesses taxes four and five months out of the year and has always mentally cursed the practice, is that the big taxpayer will have no more opportunity to delay his payments at the expense of the little fellow until his bills run up into thousands, and then, thru a crazy-horse

system that analyzes like it might have been framed in a mid-day, pay off a fraction of this just dues bill—while he is erroneously and flatteringly called by the culprits involved an "adjustment." If the new law did nothing more than this, it would deserve support enough to make a man, body, and those who are responsible for its enactment should be placed in the state Hall of Fame—when there is one built—Lake Wales Highlander.

WORTHY OF TRIAL

In view of the fact that the primary purpose of the new tax laws is to better equalize the tax burden, by putting onto the taxpayers and collecting on property that has hitherto escaped taxation or evaded the most of its just load, opposition was to be expected. It is reasonable to assume, however, that if the new program accomplishes the result intended, it will soon sell itself to its opponents by reason of its very fairness and efficiency.

There are difficult problems to work out in making a fair valuation on property, and in this the county industry no doubt presents one of the hardest. However, since the law asks for full cash value it would seem that the best way to set up a basis of value would be to value the market value of various types of property are sold. It may be argued that a certain piece of property may sell for more or less than its real value, but certainly a fair average of prices received could not go far wrong either way. An auction sale is generally regarded as the fairest index of values that can be secured, and there is no lack of livestock auction sales in the state these days.

As to the objection that the county commissioners may not lower the millages in proportion to the increased valuations, that is a matter to be handled locally. In all fairness the commissioners should watch this and be fair about it. If the law is made to work, then those who have paid a fair rate of taxes in the past should not have to pay more. He should have to pay less, for so much property has been escaping that if all is paid on the burden should rest much more easily upon the shoulders of the regular payers.

As it was pointed out at the meeting Saturday by several of those objecting to the new tax program; it is the law now and the people will have to do the best they can. "It has been given a trial. Since the state is not being run by a Hitler, or even by a Huey Long, there seems no reason to assume that those in authority plan to work any serious hardship upon anyone. Should some really vital defect develop, it would be possible to correct the trouble by a special session of the Legislature.

The old system had completely broken down and a few people have been carrying a burden that belonged to all. It was long time that some real effort was made to find a better way. This is an effort, and since it is the law we must give it a trial whether we want to or not.—Arcadia Arcadian.

BONERS

"Things like that just couldn't happen by mistake. It must have been intentional" is one of the most frequent remarks heard by the editor of the average newspaper just before the receiver is banged down on a magnified phone call. By way of the Lake Wales News comes an assorted collection of similar errors which have been made in recent years by newspapers much larger than this one.

For instance an Ohio paper said a jury jailed her husband for abandonment, when she should have been jailed for it. In describing a wedding a Maryland paper said that "John McKenny of Centerville will be one of the pallbearers."

A California newspaper declared that "Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holland are parents of a baby." In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a daily heralded a story, "Mother of 18 children in Trouble Again." A woman's magazine advised that "a baby does not digest its milk, it should be boiled."

A Kentucky newspaper describing a party said "the evening was spent in an informal way." A Peoria, Ill., paper said that a deceased woman had been "afflicted with the Presbyterian church for 40 years. Over in New Mexico the news was chronicled that a man had fallen and suffered a fracture of his collar "button." The Chicago, N. Y., Telegraph claimed the bride carried a bouquet of "pumpkin" roses. And the Sioux Falls Argus Leader urged that "send mother a gift of hardly blooming roses." Out at Abilene, Texas, the newspaper claimed that a woman had advertised for a husband and got 19 reptiles.

The Topeka, Kan., Capital said a man had been cut and bruised "in his flip-flop," while another paper said a couple wed for 10 years had their first "chill." The Des Moines Register said the bride carried a "bouquet of roses and baby." The Barnesville, Ohio, paper said that "Mrs. Dave Miller had a new baby boy, and Dave is just as happy as if it was his."

Another Ohio paper said a drunk driver was charged with "crashing into Miss Miller's rear wheel while she was sticking out into the road." Another Ohio paper told of a lady who was married to a Walter Jackson and to this, "union" was born three children.

A church supper was advertised as offering potato pie and said in the same paragraph that the pastor would preach on a "Night of Horror."

Sometimes they come in pairs. A New Zealand paper said: "By an unfortunate typographical error, we were made to say that Mr.—was a member of the 'defective branch of the police force,' whereas this of course should have been the 'detective branch of the police force.'"—Sanford Herald.

FULLER'S FULMINATIONS

This week I am going to "column" some Florida's foremost columnist. He has a larger audience than any other Florida writer. His writings are read from Milton to Miami. He has been writing regularly for nearly a decade, and in all that time he hasn't missed a week. He is the affable author of that spry and sprightly, colorful and compendious column entitled, "Too Late to Classify." He is Russell Kay, of Tampa, and most any other place in Florida where you happen to find him, which is more than often—if that makes sense. (That sort of expression may be the reason why I don't like to write a column like his.) He is a bantam, or less, in size. He is only slightly higher than the tip of a mallard duck. But in spite of his diminutive size, I have heard ideas of undoubted charm emanate from Russell's quill. He is a most interesting columnar being, on the top of a sturdy and symmetrical pair of shoulders, he is about mid-way between a

blonde and a brunette. He could be called a broom-sage bird, if you have ever been in the woods during the fall of the year. He has a pair of luminous eyes that always sparkle with a sort of mischievous delight. I know he is a pious man, but there is no suggestion of sin about the look in his eyes.

What Kay lacks in looks and size, he makes up in energy, industry, and ability. He can keep more "irons in the fire" than any body I know—and keep them hot, too. He keeps up a steady going on in more parts of Florida than any three men in the State. He not only keeps up with what is happening all over Florida, but he is physically present when much of it is happening. He attends more meetings than any body in the State, save and except Horton Wells and D. P. McKintone.

He is a quaint, unique, unrivaled style of writing that enables him to take a most simple and commonplace thing and write a most interesting column about it. His writings in recent months have shown a strong patriotic feeling. I believe he has done a lot to help the morale of the peo-

ple. His writings show a broad tolerance for everything except intolerance. He has more than a minimum sense of humor. Russell's humor will hardly disturb the departed spirits of Will Rogers and Mark Twain, but it is far from being dull. I have seen sober people laugh at it.

He is secretary of the Florida Press Association, the owner, operator, and chief editor of the Florida Newspaper Clipping Service, the dutiful and devoted husband of a lovely wife (Laverne Kay), and the father of a flock of fledgling Kays.

WEATHER

Temperature and rainfall at Canal Point, Fla., for the week ending July 27, 1941.			
Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
July 21	91	70	0.03
22	93	70	
23	90	71	0.29
24	90	71	0.91
25	92	71	1.02
26	90	70	0.61
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Our employees are citizens of Florida. Many of them own their own homes. Many take active part in civic organizations and active participation to community welfare. All are good neighbors. Some are stockholders in our company. Their wages are spent judiciously in the community where the money is earned. Their savings are put into local banks.

Recreational activities sponsored by our company for our employees include diamond ball, golf, tennis, and various social occasions such as dances, banquets, lectures and dinners. As a result, our employees are happy and contented. As a result, our company's productivity has become an outstanding Miami event. Every year Christmas parties are held for employees' children throughout the company's territory and for the children in Kendall Hills, Dade County. A large orchestra, composed of students and employees of the company, gives musical entertainment free of charge to the public and to the company and outside charitable activities.

EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Florida's rapid growth in recent years has required additional facilities to serve the demand. Anticipating future demands, our company entered an extensive construction program in 1940. The principal addition was the 30,000



kilowatt generator at the Lauderdale power station. Construction work at the Miami Beach station is now under way for the installation of another 30,000-kilowatt unit. Capacity of the station is 600,000 kilowatts. Miami Beach has been increased and a new addition has been built to increase its capacity to serve. Camp Meade is 1,400 miles from 314 miles of electric lines were added to the company's vast distribution system. New developments and rural communities in various parts of Florida.

SUMMARY OF 1940 OPERATIONS OF THE FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Operating revenues increased 12.12%, or 12%, reflecting increase of 10% each in electric and gas revenues and a decrease of 3% in ice revenues due to the closing of our ice properties as of June 1, 1940. Operating expenses including taxes were 14.85% above 1939.

Average cost of residential electric service dropped 5% to 3.8 cents per kilowatt-hour in 1940. Average cost of industrial electric service dropped 10% to 1.26 cents per kilowatt-hour for the year, an increase of .05 kilowatt-hour in 1940, over 1939.

Electric customers increased 12,338, or 9%, to a total of 153,127 at the end of the year.

Gas customers increased 428, or 3%, to a total of 22,214.

More than 314 miles of electric lines were added to the company's vast distribution system.

Provision for property tax reserve was \$400,000.

Construction of a new 30,000-kilowatt generating unit at the Lauderdale steam-electric plant was completed in 1940. Another 30,000-kilowatt generating unit is being added to the Miami Beach steam-electric station and will be placed in operation late in 1941.

ELECTRIC RATES ARE LOW

The average price per kilowatt-hour to household customers in Sunshine Service is now less than the cost to household customers throughout the state as a whole. This has been accomplished in spite of extraordinary conditions here which increase our costs to serving you.

Some of these handicaps are:

- Relatively short good-business season.
- Exceptionally high number of customers connected and disconnected.
- Extreme seasonal fluctuations in population, with heavy winter demand.
- Widespread demand for electricity is about twice that of summer, yet our generating capacities and facilities must be maintained year-round.
- Low population per square mile.
- Costly demands on our system caused by short coal supply.
- Very unusual cost of electric fuel.
- Low volume of business.

OUR 1940 TAX BILL MORE THAN \$2,000,000

Time charged to operations, construction and other accounts in 1940 amounted to \$2,000,000. Compared with 1939, our tax bill was \$1,400,000, or 28% lower. These tax years our operating revenues have increased only 37%.

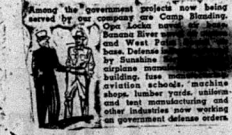
Our 1940 taxes were in excess of \$12 per customer for the average number of electric and

gas customers served during the year. The amount of our taxes equaled \$1.189 for every residential customer and \$1.189 for every commercial customer of our company at the end of 1940.

There are 35 different kinds of taxes paid by Sunshine Service. Our company is actively fighting to pay its fair share of the costs of federal, state and local governments. We feel obligated to point out, however, that every dollar we could for taxes reduces the amount which otherwise could be used for rate reductions, savings to employees or wages on money invested in our business.

COOPERATING WITH UNCLE SAM FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

Electric power is the life blood of industry. An ample supply of this energy must always be available to turn the wheels of national defense. The Florida Power & Light Company has been cooperating with Uncle Sam since the beginning of the war to give full support to Uncle Sam, as well as to maintain its dependence on government defense orders.



*Copies of the complete report are now available to you and will be mailed on request.

Sunshine Service FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY HELPING BUILD FLORIDA

To Examine Drivers For Permits

Tallahassee, Fla., July 31—Tallahassee highway patrolmen will now to examine applicants for drivers' licenses at a new training school beginning Monday in Lakeland. Director J. J. Gilliam said they

will receive courses in how to conduct tests of driving ability, vision and knowledge of traffic signs and road rules. They also will receive pointers on courteous handling of the public driver psychology and allied subjects.

The school will be conducted by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and the National Safety Council. Glenn V.

Carmichael, of the safety council and Lieut. George H. Houten, chief examiner of the South Carolina highway patrol, will be in charge.

The new drivers' license law requires examination of all drivers applying for the first time for a Florida license and of those who have poor driving records.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kay

Some folks may have the idea that a "tourist crop" is something that just grows wild, but it sure don't, and if you want it good and profitable harvest you've got to cultivate it just like any other crop.

The outlook for the coming season isn't any too bright. Not that Florida isn't as attractive and appealing as ever, but because the national defense effort tends to discourage unnecessary travel and the public mind is more concerned with industry than with rest and recreation.

Prospects of an eastern gasoline shortage, with talk of gasless Sundays, curtailment of travel for pleasure, increased use of highways by our military forces for transport and maneuvers coupled with a tax on railroads in the form of heavy freight shipments and extended use of equipment for defense purposes, naturally will have its effect on tourist travel to Florida the coming winter.

The bright side of the picture is that more people have more money than ever before and find themselves financially able to take a trip to Florida if they could just find the time. Dads and mothers of thousands of service men stationed in Florida camps and bases are thinking about this state and with a little urging could be made to come down this winter. Such visits would be of untold value to the morale of the army and motherly help to ease the minds of parents as to the welfare of their sons in the service.

Florida should begin a campaign now to encourage families of service men stationed here to visit them this fall and winter. Properly advanced, the ideas could easily be sold to camp commanders and morale officers. Chambers of commerce and civic groups in sections where service men could find clients for their products and accommodations are available to fit most any purse and the boys would be glad to enclose them with their letters upon the return home.

This would go a long way toward offsetting the depression thought being implanted in the public mind that travel and recreation are wasteful and unpractical. Let a mother visit her boy, meet his companions, and perhaps his commander. Let her acquaint herself with his surroundings, accompany him on trips to points of interest. Let her see how strong and clean and healthy, he is and how army life has improved his physical condition, and she will feel altogether different about it. At the same time, her boy will get a real thrill having her here. It will pep him up, overcome his homesickness and make him a better and abler soldier.

State Hotel Commissioner Hunter Johnson has been doing splendid work in helping to arrange for the entertainment of enlisted men at points of interest in the state and seeing that they are cared for at hotels and restaurants at rates which they can afford. Arranging trips for them to such points as St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Silver Springs and Cypress Gardens at special low rates, is helping to "sell" Florida. And in talking to the boys that they are getting "sand in their shoes", and I predict that a great many of them will eventually return to us to become permanent residents, and in the meantime they will sing our praises wherever they go.

Getting away from the service men, there is another angle we might present that would encourage travel to the state and still not place us in the position of being "unpractical." You know "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", and if national defense workers were given an opportunity to take a vacation—say a trip to Florida for a few weeks—they would return to the job full of vim and vigor, and produce more than ever before. If it is right and proper and a good thing for our President to drop everything in the middle of a crisis and run down to Florida for a fishing trip, why shouldn't it be just as smart and practical for the defense worker?

The National Defense program need not cramp our style this coming season if we tie ourselves in to it and do a good "selling job." Let's make the "tourist crop" important to our national defense standpoint by saving aluminum or conserving gasoline. Isn't the national MOBILE and the national HEALTH more important than anything else? We have the abundance of what are we waiting for? Let's GO!

CLAY PIGEONS FOR TARGET PRACTICE
West Palm Beach, Fla., July 24—A shipment of 50,000 clay pigeons to be used in aerial target practice, arrived at Morrison Field, air base, Monday.
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Consider Three Men For Prexy Job

Tallahassee, July 31—Three prominent Floridians are being considered as possible successors to Dr. Edward Conrad as President of the Florida State College for Women.

Those mentioned are Dean Walter Matherly of the University of Florida, Ex-Governor Doyle Carlton of Tampa, and Mrs. Ruth Bryn Owen Rhodes, former United States envoy to Denmark.

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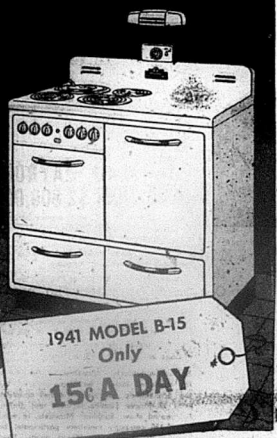
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FLORIDA MOTOR LINES

Comptroller Lee—

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the bull by the horns and went to the probate court in Dade County where he asked for and obtained the appointment of a Florida administrator for the estate after showing Judge W. F.

Blanton that Dickerson's only heir, Mrs. Priscilla Gilson, a daughter, living in England, had started administration proceedings in the principality of Monaco and Florida's interest in the funds of the estate were being endangered by the fortunes of war.

With the appointment of a Florida administrator, the comptroller was able to force the daughter to come into the Florida court to face a lot of important documents and records, the existence of which had been uncovered by state investigators.

Out of the investigation came two strangely contrasting documents. A federal estate tax return filed by the executor of the estate listing Dickerson's total taxable property in the U. S. at \$300,000 and his only other assets as cash totaling less than \$125,000, which he claimed were not taxable because "deceased was a nonresident alien not engaged in business in the U. S." On this tax return the executor, George W. Jackels, Dickerson's former secretary and tax expert, paid a federal tax of \$3,000 in 1939, none of which came to the State of Florida because under the Florida laws estates up to \$100,000 are not taxable.

The other document was a return shorted built up from checks and cross-checks, probe and investigation, throughout two years of digging and litigation, which when finally accepted by the heir and the executor of the estate, listed something like \$8,000,000 worth of taxable property upon which the executor paid the State of Florida \$700,722.50 after refusing to file a return.

Governor's Plan Is—

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passed down rationally as the second best case. Budget boards have not been increased school judges in Polk and Escambia counties starting the second phase of the job being done as well. And if the people, through their budget boards and their appeals, can't get proper relief, reduction, State Superintendent Colin English told a delegation from David Chum just Saturday that he'd see that the job was finished properly with the budget reached him for approval. Jim Leo, the comptroller, sitting in the same session told the delegation that general county subjects showing increases would meet the same fate at his hands. We're actually doing this job, the governor reiterated. And here I mean, the people of Florida. Why it's amazing the way the taxpayers are responding. In one county 20,000 have made returns. In Little Manatee, where a tax return had hardly been heard of for the average property owner, more than 3,000 have filed and the assessor reports another 1,500 are preparing returns.

"Literally millions of dollars of new values are being placed on the rolls. Items like the apartment house in one county assessed last year for \$8,000. The owner lives in one apartment and got \$3,000 exemption. This year it goes up to \$40,000 and the owner is paying operating taxes this year on \$37,000 against \$3,000 last year. Thousands of such injustices are being corrected. One county alone estimates more than 1,500 similar items not in taxation four or five months ago. Some homes which will go above the exemption value for the first time. There are homes in which the owner lives in a back room and secures full exemption under the old system that permitted \$20,000 to \$25,000 exempt to exempt under the honest exemption.

"In Pinellas and other counties the assessors have found that thousands were carrying personal property assessment under the \$500 household goods' exemption which under the system being replaced by these new laws covers from \$2,000 to as much as \$5,000 worth of personal property in some counties. The Pinellas assessor advises his personal property roll will jump from less than \$2,000,000 to \$13,000,000 to \$18,000,000. Similar reports are coming from assessors all over the state and I am here to tell you that these loyal public servants are going ahead and doing the job some folks said couldn't be done. No wonder the millages are coming down.

"Palm Beach county's school board advises the school taxes there will drop from 20 mills to 5 at most and possibly as low as 4, and this in spite of increased enrollment. School Superintendent English reports school boards from all parts of the state are reporting reduced millages in full compliance with the spirit and the letter of the law."

The governor traced the history of the new laws pointing out they came as a mandate from the people. "I advocated this type of tax reform, leading to tax justice for all, from every platform during the gubernatorial campaign," he said, "and our constitutional legislature acted to the plea of our taxpayers for relief from the system under which thousands paid double to make up for \$100,000,000 cancelled from the books in adjustments and compromises over a decade."

He pointed to stringent provisions that will bring sheer collection of taxes after they are levied, provision for good tax tables and publication of names of those who become delinquent.

He reiterated that those who have been paying their full share of the tax load have nothing to fear. "The only way to reduce the tax burden for those who do pay, every year is to bring to the

the construction of additional homes for company employees and their families.

Sugar Company To Build Homes

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